



USDA AMS Weekly Shell Egg Demand Indicator

(Calculated estimate of demand for shell eggs based on current production and on inventory clearance rate.)

June 14, 2023

The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is -11.70, down 0.5 points from last week.

This Week:

Consumer demand for shell eggs over the past week improved as shoppers returned to dairycase proteins to balance their spending on meats for the recent Memorial Day holiday. Wholesale prices for cartoned eggs are steady on a light to moderate balance of supplies and offerings, moderate to good demand, and moderate trading. Prices on the loose egg market are firm on light to moderate supplies and offerings, good demand, and moderate trading. Wholesale breaking stock prices are higher with light to very light offerings and light to moderate supplies. Interest is in a wide range with full to reduced schedules and moderate trading. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates increased activity with a decline in the average ad price.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

U.S. table egg layer flock	314,867,365	(derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Percentage flock in molt	2.40%	(derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Productive table egg layer flock	307,305,441	(total flock - (total flock * molt))

Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -

(shell egg production less shell eggs for breaking stock)

Table egg layer rate	81.0%	(derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report)
Total egg production	249,011,502	(total productive flock * lay rate)
Total eggs into breaking stock	86,186,211	(34.61% of daily shell egg production to breakers)
Table eggs for in-shell use	162,825,290	(egg production * (100% - % to breaking stock))
Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases)	452,292	(eggs for table use ÷ 360 eggs per case)

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

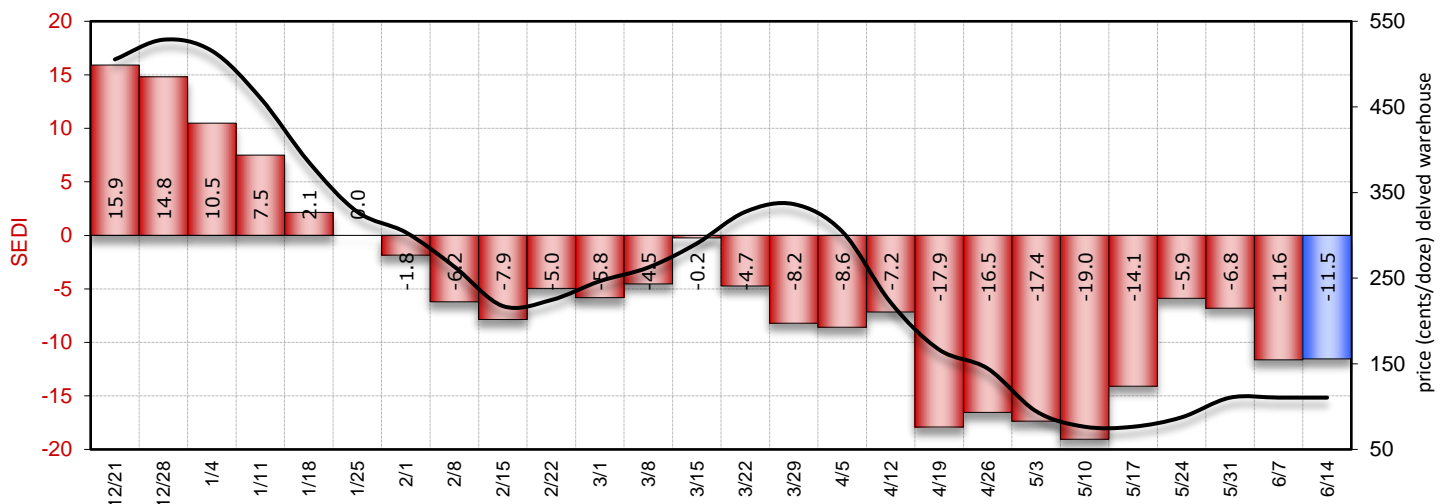
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

USDA shell egg inventory	1,483,000	30-dozen cases (from <i>USDA Weekly Shell Egg Inventory</i> report)
Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock	63.0%	(shell egg inventory cooperators control 63% of productive flock)
Shell egg cases produced each day	284,944	(produced by inventory cooperators' flocks (daily production * 63%)) (712,361 cases expected weekend (2.5 days) carryover)
26-week rolling average of days on hand	4.59	(average of the last 26 week's days of eggs on hand)
Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing	5.20	(inventory ÷ cases produced per day)

Shell Egg Demand Indicator

-11.70 ((26-week average ÷ current days on hand) - 1) * 100

Shell Egg Demand Indicator vs. USDA Midwest Large, Cartoned Shell Egg Divd. Warehouse



Sources: [USDA NASS Monthly Chicken and Eggs \(pec-bb\)](#); [Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type](#)

[USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News; SHELL EGGS: Weekly Shell Egg Inventory \(Mon\)](#)

[USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News; PROCESSED EGGS: Weekly Eggs Processed Under Federal Inspection \(Wed\)](#)

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